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1. ON JANUARY 24 EMBOFF RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET PROJECT LEADER MALAKHOV TO HIS U.S. COUNTERPART, DAVID DUTTWEILER. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION AND SUMMARY FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO EPA FOR SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NUMBER 3584605. LETTER DOES NOT PROVIDE NAMES OF SOVIET DELEGATION AND PER REQUEST REFTEL WE HAVE ASKED SOVIETS TO GIVE US THIS INFORMATION ASAP.

2. DEAR DR. DUTTWEILER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 19. I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A CHANGE IN THE PROGRAM OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, WHICH SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE METHODOLOGY OF INVESTIGATING THE BEHAVIOR OF PESTICIDES IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THE USE OF RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES, AND THE METHODOLOGY FOR INVESTIGATING RESIDUAL AMOUNTS OF PESTICIDES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ESPECIALLY SINCE WORK IS DONE THERE
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JOINTLY WITH YOUR LABORATORY ON THE BEHAVIOR OF PESTICIDES IN WATER), THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS (PROF. CROSBY), AND PESTICIDE LABORATORIES IN THE CITIES OF COLUMBIA AND FARGO. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE LABORATORIES OF DR. MENN AND CASSIDY, SINCE THERE WILL BE NO TOXICOLOGISTS IN THE SOVIET DELEGATION, WE SHOULD POSTPONE THESE

VISITS UNTIL ANOTHER TRIP. WE WOULD PREFER TO BEGIN
THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION AROUND APRIL 10.
I WILL SEND YOU THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATION ASAP.
CONCERNING OUR FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES, TWO U.S.
SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT THE U.S.S.R. FOR 16 DAYS
DURING THE SECOND QUARTER TO VISIT PUSHCHINO AND
OTHER INSTITUTES. WE MUST KNOW IN ADVANCE WHAT
INSTITUTES THEY WANT TO VISIT. WE MUST ALSO RECEIVE
SIMILAR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VISIT OF U.S.
SPECIALISTS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER. I AM
PLEASED THAT THE JCM ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL THAT FOUR
SOVIET SPECIALISTS VISIT THE U.S. FOR TWO WEEKS DURING
THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1978 TO CONTINUE OUR
DISCUSSIONS ON PHYSICAL-MATHEMATICAL MODELING, AND
ALSO ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL FOR A ONE MONTH VISIT BY
TWO SPECIALISTS FOR FAMILIARIZATION AND IF POSSIBLE
JOINT WORK ON MICROSCOPES AND "AECOS." I THINK THESE
TWO VISITS COULD BE COMBINED. IN THE PROGRAM OF THE
SEMINAR WE COULD INCLUDE THE QUESTIONS MENTIONED IN
YOUR LETTER OF JULY 11, ALSO A CONTINUATION
OF THE DISCUSSIONS BEGUN DURING THE OCTOBER VISIT,
AND THE QUESTION OF PHYSICAL-MATHEMATICAL MODELING
IN OTHER OBJECTS. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RECEIVE
YOUR OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING OUR COOPERATION IN
1977. SINCERELY, S.G. MALAKHOV.

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